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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 10, 2006

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the office action dated October 10, 2006, and in response submits the following remarks.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2.

Remarks, beginning on page 9